



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/530,243	04/04/2005	Shuhei Kurata	P1293US	2656
1218	7590	04/08/2008		
CASELLA & HESPOS 274 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016			EXAMINER	
			CRAIG, PAULA L	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3761	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			04/08/2008	PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/530,243

**Applicant(s)**

KURATA ET AL.

**Examiner**

PAULA L. CRAIG

**Art Unit**

3761

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) PAULA L. CRAIG.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) GERALD HESPOS.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 02 April 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hermansson (2002/0010455), Popp (6,635,041), Rudberg (6,210,387), Fernfors (6,179,820), Tuni (6,413,249).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendment. "Constant distance" is probably somewhat narrower than "substantially constant distance" in the absence of a definition. Meaning of terms "linear" and "divergent" is somewhat uncertain. "Raised" also has an uncertain meaning, as it is not specified what the raised portion is raised from, nor in what direction it is raised.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/T. Zalukaeva/, SPE 3761

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required